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1. IIE HAS PROVIDED DEPT. FOLLOWING STATEMENT IN RESPONSE
REQUEST IN FINAL PARA. REFTEL. BEGIN QUOTE:

2. SUCCESS OF PROGRAM. AT THIS EARLY STAGE OF THE PROGRAM,
BARELY ONE YEAR IN OPERATION, THERE IS UTTERLY NO BASIS FOR
PREDICTIONS OF FAILURE BY CHAVEZ, OR ANYONE ELSE.

3. ON THE CONTRARY, THE FOLLOWING ARE FACTS WHICH ARE
PERTINENT TO THE SUCCESS OF THE PROGRAM:

- A. THE BECARIOS ARE YOUNG, BRIGHT AND INTELLIGENT.
THEY HAVE ASSIMILATED THEIR ENGLISH LANGUAGE TRAINING WITH
A MARKED DEGREE OF SUCCESS. THEY HAVE SHOWN ABILITY AND
DEDICATION WHICH WILL HELP MATERIALLY AS THEY ADVANCE INTO
THEIR ACADEMIC STUDIES -- THE POINT AT WHICH IIE WILL
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CLOSELY ASSESS RATE OF SUCCESS OR FAILURE.

- B. OF THE 2,500 WHO HAVE COME INTO THE PROGRAM SINCE

ITS INCEPTION IN SEPTEMBER 1974, A TOTAL OF 40, OR LESS THAN 2, HAVE RETURNED TO VENEZUELA.

- C. AS OF SEPTEMBER 1975, A TOTAL OF 1,100 OF THE 2,500 ARRIVALS HAVE EMBARKED ON THEIR ACADEMIC PROGRAMS. BY JUNE 30, 1975, 619 WERE IN ACADEMIC TRAINING (SOME OF WHOM DID NOT NEED AND WERE NOT REQUIRED TO TAKE ENGLISH LANGUAGE TRAINING); AN ADDITIONAL 569 STUDENTS WERE ENTERED BY SEPTEMBER 1975, ALL OF WHOM SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED ENGLISH LANGUAGE TRAINING. REMEMBERING THAT THEY ARRIVED IN VARYING NUMBERS AT VARYING TIMES (E.G., 385 IN SEPT. 1974, 115 IN OCTOBER 1974, 245 IN NOV. 1974, 0 IN DEC., 633 IN JAN. 1975, ETC., TO THE MONTH END SEPT. 1975 PROJECTION OF 2,500), FROM VARIOUS PARTS OF VENEZUELA, AND DIVERSE BACKGROUNDS, THE LARGE NUMBER OF SUCCESSFUL TRANSITIONS TO ACADEMIC TRAINING IS A TRIBUTE TO THE CALIBER OF THE YOUNG PEOPLE VENEZUELA IS SENDING ABROAD. BECARIOS ARE IN ATTENDANCE AT 60 ENGLISH LANGUAGE CENTERS AND 152 COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES.

4. IIE FEE AND FOLLOW-UP ON STUDENTS. NO INFORMED PERSON WOULD MAKE A STATEMENT THAT A PROGRAM OF THIS MAGNITUDE COULD BE LAUNCHED "PRACTICALLY WITHOUT COST." IIE IS A NOT-FOR-PROFIT PRIVATE CORPORATION WITH FIFTY PLUS YEARS OF EXPERIENCE IN DEVELOPING PROGRAMS, PLACING AND SUPERVISING STUDENTS. THE PRINCIPAL COMPONENTS OF THE IIE FEE ARE BASED UPON THE FOLLOWING:

- A. IN THE IIE SYSTEM, EVERY STUDENT, OF WHATEVER NATIONALITY OR PROGRAM, IS HANDLED ON AN INDIVIDUAL BASIS. A RECORD IS SET UP WHICH SHOWS BUDGET, FISCAL DATA, SCHOLASTIC DATA, INSTITUTIONS ENTERED, WORK COMPLETED, TRANSFER DATA, ETC.

- B. GIVEN THE FLOW AND THE RAPID ACCELERATION OF THE PROGRAM, COUNTLESS TELEPHONE CALLS, PERSONAL CONTACTS, CORRESPONDENCE, ARE NECESSARY WITH THE BEST ENGLISH LIMITED OFFICIAL USE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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LANGUAGE SCHOOLS IN THE U.S. REMEMBER THAT ENGLISH LANGUAGE SCHOOLS WITH HIGH STANDARDS WILL NOT ACCEPT NUMBERS WHICH WILL SKEW THEIR BALANCE OF FOREIGN NATIONALS. UPON COMPLETION OF ENGLISH TRAINING THEY MUST BE TRANSFERRED TO COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES.

- C. THE SAME PROCESS MUST BE REPEATED FOR PLACEMENT IN ACADEMIC TRAINING IN COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES. GIVEN THE U.S. DECENTRALIZED SYSTEM OF EDUCATION, ALL THESE INSTITUTIONS HAVE THEIR OWN CRITERIA WHICH MUST BE MET BEFORE A STUDENT IS ENTERED -- BACKGROUND, QUALIFICATIONS, DOCUMENTATION, MATERIAL WHICH MUST BE ASSEMBLED, EVALUATED,

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- D. WHILE IN ENGLISH LANGUAGE OR ACADEMIC TRAINING, THE IIE REGIONAL OFFICES IN THE U.S. ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR SUPERVISION OF THE STUDENT'S TRAINING, WORKING WITH PERSONNEL OF THE INSTITUTIONS, MEETING WITH THE STUDENTS, FREQUENTLY ON AN INDIVIDUAL BASIS AND COUNSELLING ON PERSONAL AS WELL AS SCHOLASTIC MATTERS.

- E. PAYMENTS ARE MADE TO THE STUDENTS AND FOR THE STUDENTS TO THE INSTITUTIONS INVOLVED, DOMESTIC TRAVEL ARRANGED AND PAID FOR, AND ACCOUNTING FOR ALL EXPENDITURES MADE TO THE AGENCIES OF THE VENEZUELAN GOVERNMENT.

- F. GIVEN THE AGE GROUP AND NUMBERS OF STUDENTS, UNDERSTANDABLY EMERGENCIES ARISE WHICH MUST BE MET AND SOLVED. THE DESIGNATED IIE PROGRAM OFFICER IN EACH REGION HAS THE RESPONSIBILITY AND NECESSARY AUTHORITY.

5. LATE DELIVERY OF CHECKS. OF 20,000 CHECKS ISSUED TO STUDENTS NO MORE THAN 2 TO 3 HAVE BEEN SERIOUSLY LATE OR IN ERROR. WHEN AN INSTANCE OF A DELAYED CHECK OCCURS, EACH REGIONAL OFFICE OF IIE IS AUTHORIZED TO MAKE PAYMENT IMMEDIATELY ALTHOUGH UNDER THE OVERALL SYSTEM CHECKS ARE ISSUED BY COMPUTER FROM NEW YORK.

6. SLOW PROGRESS IN ENGLISH LANGUAGE TRAINING. THE STATISTICS IN 1C (ABOVE) NEGATE THIS CRITICISM. WHEREVER
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POSSIBLE, GIVEN THE NUMBERS INVOLVED, STUDENTS ARE PLACED IN DORMITORIES WITH NON-VENEZUELAN STUDENTS. IT SERVES NO REAL PURPOSE IN ANY EVENT TO DENY THIS GROUP OF YOUNG PEOPLE ACCESS TO THEIR COMPATRIOTS. ACTUALLY IT PROVIDES A HEALTHY EXCHANGE OF IDEAS, REACTIONS, ETC.

7. COLD CLIMATES. EVERY STUDENT BEFORE HE LEAVES VENEZUELA IS GIVEN A CLOTHING ALLOWANCE. FURTHER, SOME TWO-THIRDS OF THE STUDENTS HAVE BEEN PLACED IN AREAS OF MORE EQUITABLE CLIMATE IN THE U.S. THE CRITICISM IS SPECIOUS SINCE THE YOUNG PEOPLE RECEIVE INSTRUCTIONS AND GUIDANCE BEFORE THEY DEPART, ON MANY ASPECTS OF U.S. LIVING, ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOLS IN THE U.S., ETC.

8. FYI, CHAVEZ NEVER DISCUSSED THE PROGRAM WITH ANYONE IN IIE NOR, WE ARE ADVISED, WITH MANCILLA, GMA REPRESENTATIVE IN NEW YORK. END QUOTE.

9. FOREGOING IS PROVIDED FOR EMBASSY'S INFO AND SUCH INFORMAL USE AS IS CONSIDERED APPROPRIATE. DEPT. HOPES

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